(b) if so, in which areas the foreign companies can extend help to retailers of the country; and

(c) what effective provisions have been made to ensure that retailers would not be affected adversely due to entry of major industrial houses in the retail business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) As per the extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 51%, with prior Government approval, is permitted in retail trade of 'Single Brand' products which enables the foreign investors to forge joint venture partnerships with Indian companies through participation in the equity capital of the company.

(b) FDI facilitates investments in production and marketing, increased sourcing of goods from India, and access to modern technologies and management practices.

(c) Government has recently instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), Further action, if so advised, would be taken by Government after receipt of the ICRIER Study.

Assessment regarding expansion of retail business

†4438. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per an assessment a turnover of 30 billion dollars during the next five years of retail business in the country is expected;

(b) if not, the assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 70 per cent share of total capital investment in the said sector would be of major Indian and foreign commercial institutions; if not, Government's assessment in that regard; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) what would be the share in capital investment in total retail business of major Indian and foreign companies and Indian small companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Government has not done any assessment on the turnover expected in the next five years of the capital investment likely to be made in the retail industry in India.

Uniformity in FDI

4439. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring uniformity in the level of FDI within various segments of a particular sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is proposing to increase the FDI limit in key areas in telecom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis for its simplification and rationalisation.

(c) and (d) FDI cap in Basic, Cellular, Unified Access Services, National/ International Long Distance, V-Sat, Public Mobile Radio Trunked Services (PMRTS), Global Mobile Personal Communications Services (GMPCS) and other value added telecom services was raised from 49% to 74% in 2005 *vide* Press Note 5 (2005 Series). The revised guidelines governing FDI in Telecom sector were issued *vide* Press Note 3 (2007 Series) dated 19.4.2007.

Flouting of SEZ guidelines by promoters

4440. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SEZ promoters are bypassing the new SEZ guidelines, by splitting up and dividing large SEZs into smaller bits;